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SIR:

This is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed October 11, 2001, the term for response to which expires on January 11, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute amended claims 6 and 11 as follows:

6. (Second Amended) A method comprising:

defining a set of products having a collection of attributes of use which are arbitrarily predetermined as a series product;